

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David Obey
Chairman
House Labor, HHS, Education
Appropriations Subcommittee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Todd Tiahrt
Ranking Member
House Labor, HHS, Education
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Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Tiahrt:

We respectfully request your support for \$2.816 billion in FY 2010 appropriations for domestic HIV/AIDS treatment programs. As you may know, HIV/AIDS continues to have a devastating effect on communities nationwide, with an all-time high of over 1.1 million people living with HIV/AIDS and an estimated 56,300 additional individuals contracting the virus each year. As incidence rises and an increasing number of people are living longer with HIV/AIDS thanks to advances in treatment and care, there is an increased burden on state and local governments, as well as community-based organizations, to meet service demands. Unfortunately, funding for HIV/AIDS care and treatment has not kept pace with the current epidemic. The scope of this crisis requires a strong commitment of public resources to provide the necessary care and treatment to those living with HIV/AIDS.

As you know, the Ryan White Program is a comprehensive and cost-effective program designed to meet the needs of those living with this life-challenging disease. As an essential safety net, the Ryan White program has been a monumental success. Using the PART assessment, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) recently lauded the program's effectiveness by awarding it a score of 100 percent for both Purpose & Design and Program Results & Accountability. OMB states that the program has contributed to the decline in the number of AIDS cases and deaths due to HIV/AIDS. The Ryan White program provides life-extending health care, drug treatment, and support services to over half a million underserved people living with HIV/AIDS each year.

We thank you for your leadership in increasing funding for the Ryan White Program in the FY 2009 omnibus appropriations bill. Building upon these funding levels is critical to maintain the success of the program. We recognize the budget constraints you face, but given the gravity of the impact of HIV/AIDS on so many thousands of people across the country, we are compelled to ask that you please consider the following funding requests for domestic HIV/AIDS treatment and care programs in the FY 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies subcommittee allocation:

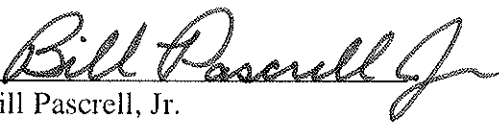
Ryan White HIV/AIDS Programs - \$2.8162 billion, a \$602.8 million increase over FY 2009 for the following treatment programs:

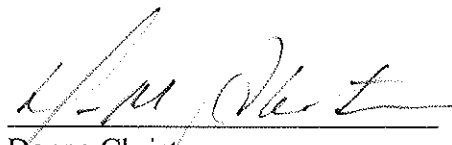
- **Part A – \$766.1 million**, a \$103 million increase over FY 2009 for grants to 56 eligible metropolitan areas;
- **Part B Care – \$514.2 million**, a \$105.4 million increase over FY 2009 for care grants to state, territories, and emerging communities;


- **Part B AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) – \$1.083 billion**, a \$268 million increase over FY 2009 for AIDS drug and treatment assistance to states and territories;
- **Part C – \$268.3 million**, a \$66.4 million increase over FY 2009 for early intervention services and capacity development grants;
- **Part D – \$134.6 million**, a \$57.7 million increase over FY 2009 for services for women, infants, youth, and their families;
- **Part F AETCs – \$50 million**, a \$15.6 million increase over FY 2009 for AIDS Education and Training Centers; and
- **Part F Dental – \$19 million**, a \$5.6 million increase over FY 2009 for Dental School Reimbursement Programs and the Community-Based Dental Partnership Program.

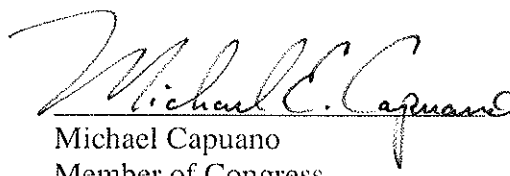
We appreciate every effort that you can make to reach these vital funding levels. Thank you for your consideration of these requests.


Sincerely,



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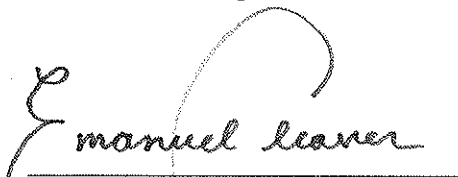

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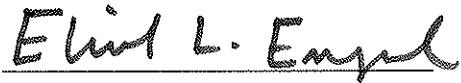
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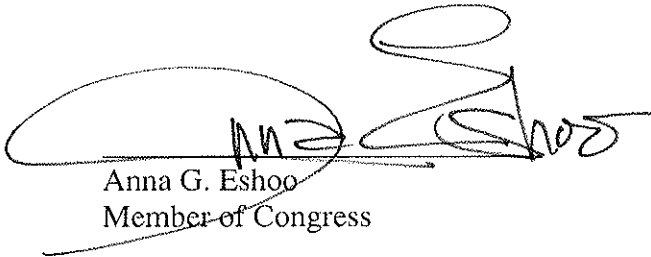
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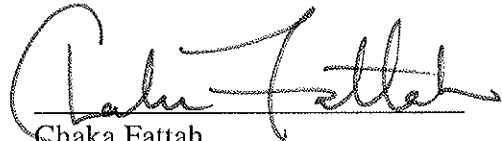
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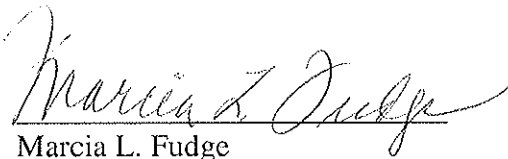
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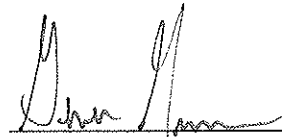
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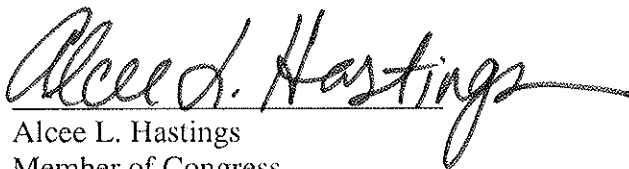
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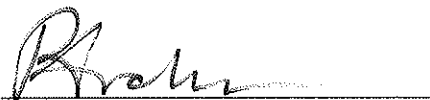
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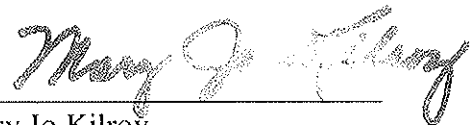
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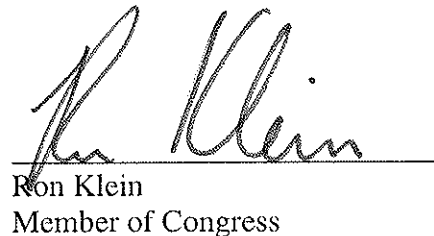
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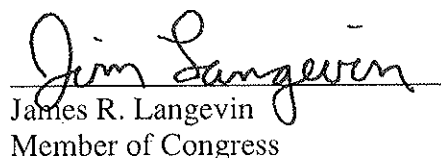
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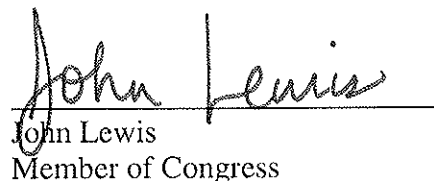
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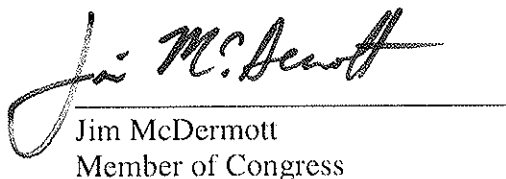
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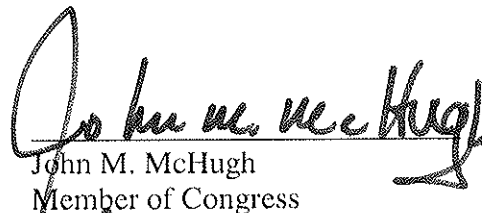
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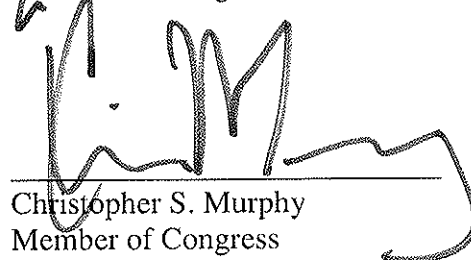
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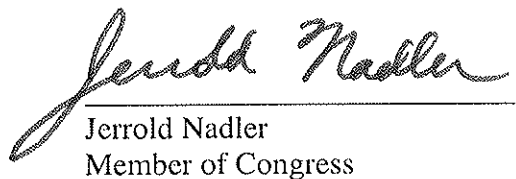
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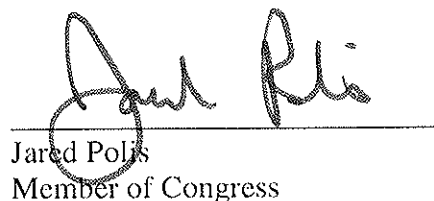
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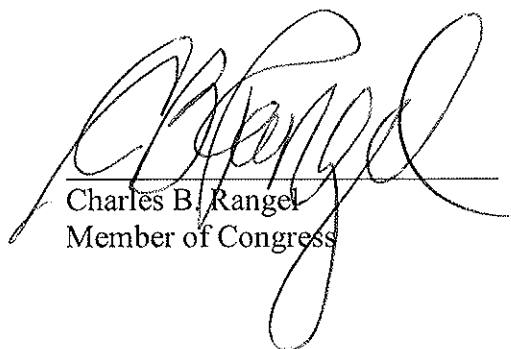
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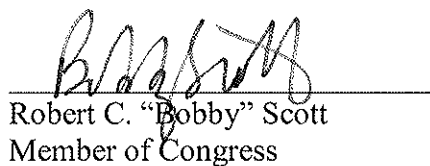
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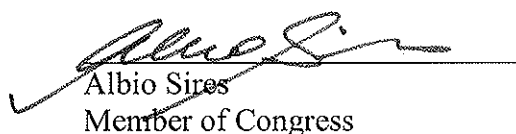
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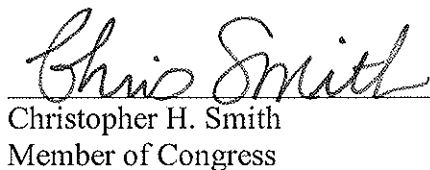
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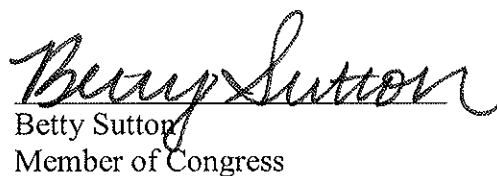
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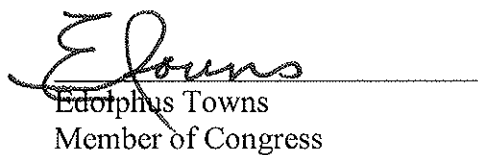
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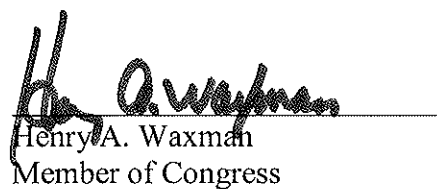
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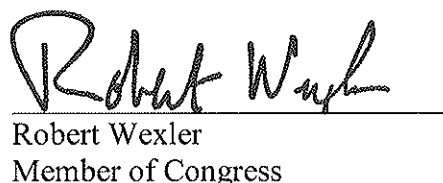
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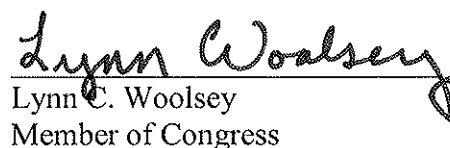
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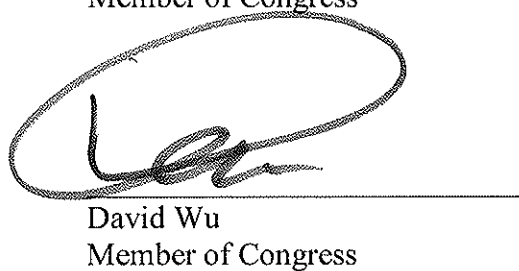
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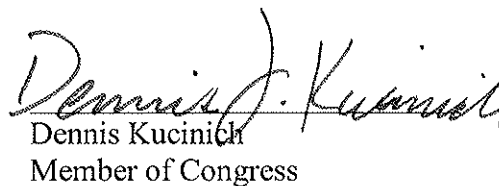
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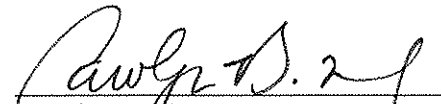
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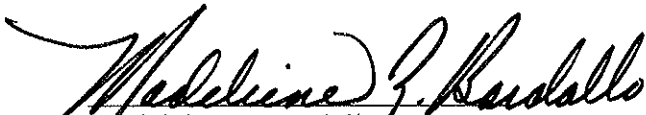
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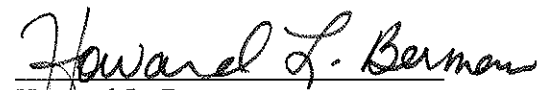
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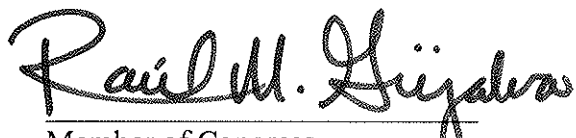
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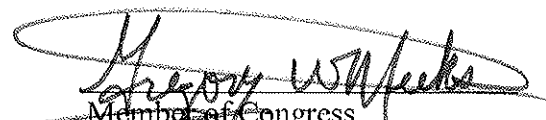
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